

## ASKS \$3,000,000 FOR BIG DRYDOCK

Plans for Transforming Norfolk Navy-Yard Outlined by Admiral Stanford.

### FACILITIES ARE INADEQUATE

Policy Is to Dock as Many of Largest Vessels as Possible There.

Washington, January 10.—Plans for transforming the Norfolk Navy-Yard where the navy's policy now is to dock as many of the largest vessels as possible have been laid before Congress by Rear-Admiral Stanford, chief of yards and docks, who has advised the House Naval Affairs Committee that the most important improvement needed at Norfolk is an additional \$3,000,000 dry dock of the largest dimensions, and at the earliest possible time. At the same time Admiral Stanford, carefully avoiding any recommendations at variance with the department's policy as to the Norfolk yard, declared that the "Norfolk Navy-Yard is not an economical yard for operation, because of its antiquated character."

Continuing, he said: "If it is to be an important base it certainly will warrant not only an expenditure for an additional dry dock, but also a good liberal expenditure for additional public work facilities in connection with the dock."

"There is now but one dry dock there capable of taking all the present ships of the navy, and even this dock in time may be inadequate. The most frequent mobilizations of the fleet are in Hampton Roads and large ships ordinarily assigned to other yards must pass this point, proceeding to and from the Gulf or the West Indies."

In view of this central location and the use of Hampton Roads as a base of operations, there is a greater probability of unforeseen repairs being required there for vessels than at any other coast point.

**Facilities Inadequate.**  
"While an additional large drydock would increase the docking facilities, it would not constitute a reserve, since the present docking facilities are inadequate. An additional dock at Norfolk also would afford relief to other yards."

"The exact location of that dock has not been determined. The inspection board is preparing a tentative scheme for the development of a tract, including, incidentally a location for the proposed new dock, but their recommendations have not been submitted to the department. The width of the

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Elizabeth River channel renders the handling of large vessels inconvenient and difficult. Additional buildings probably would be required, and also additional paving and extension of the distributing systems to obtain the best results."

### DINNER TO ENTIRE CHORUS

Joshua Pierce, Jr., Game When Comely Maidens Appear as His Guests.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Buffalo, N. Y., January 10.—Joshua Pierce, Jr., a student at the College of the City of New York, ended a day of trouble yesterday evening when funds came from Washington to relieve his embarrassment. Pierce came here to see a friend who was in the chorus of a theatrical company. He invited her out to dinner Thursday night, and she consented if she might bring her friends numbered twenty-five comely maidens from the chorus, but he was game. He secured taxicabs and took them all to a roadhouse. The supper bill was \$56, and he gave the waiter the balance of the only \$100 he had. When the party got back to Buffalo, in the cold gray dawn, he had no money to meet the \$80 taxi bill. He was arrested for intoxication, but was paroled to get the money. He got it by wire and his bill and sentence was suspended.

Pierce is twenty-one years old, and lives in Washington, D. C. His father was a prominent engineer, and left him a fortune, he says.

## FIRST RECEPTION AT WHITE HOUSE

To Be Given on Tuesday Evening in Honor of Diplomatic Corps.

### WILL BE BRILLIANT EVENT

Great Formality Marks Affair Given to Representatives of Foreign Nations.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Washington, January 10.—The diplomatic reception, the first to be given by President Woodrow Wilson since he entered the White House, on next Tuesday evening, bids fair to eclipse in formality and in the display of the uniforms of the foreign representatives and in the magnificent and costly gowns of the women of the foreign courts, who will be present, anything which the historic old mansion has seen in many a year.

Although during the Roosevelt and the Taft regimes, thousands of persons, men and women, now and then were fortunate enough to receive the much-coveted invitations by which they were permitted to become guests of the White House, it has remained for the forthcoming reception, the diplomatic reception of next week, to rival, if not exceed, in elegance and splendor any of the kind heretofore seen.

But few persons, not anything like the number who were invited by Presidents Roosevelt and Taft, have been bidden to the White House for this event. The invitation list which once was large has been cut to such an extent that now, outside of those to whom the White House receptions are given—our foreign representatives, officers of the army and navy, members of the United States Supreme Court, and members of the House and Senate—not more than 300 or 400 other persons all told will be there.

**To Be Marked by Formality.**

The great thing that marks this reception and distinguishes it from all others which are given at the White House from time to time is its formality. It must be remembered that when guests are assembled from all over the world, each of whom is representing his country for the time being at the White House, the greatest strictness must be observed in following the well-laid-down lines of precedence. It would never do, for instance, to put the present ranking official at such an affair—Ambassador Jusserand, of France—behind some one his inferior in rank, prestige and length of service. To commit such an error would be little short of an international blunder, and the United States would then become the laughing-stock of the world. Therefore, those who are charged with the duty of presenting President Wilson's invitation to the foreign representatives in the United States, and with the duty of seeing that they secure their proper place at the reception, are enjoined to exercise the fullest and greatest care.

It should be remembered that with few exceptions, all of the foreign representatives serving in Washington will attend the reception, given in their honor, regarded as the finest uniform which their respective countries afford. This is, indeed, a full-dress affair in every sense of the word, and the brilliant and gorgeous display of the uniforms from other lands, together with the beautiful and costly creations of the women, always make a spectacle which is hard to eclipse in official life anywhere in the civilized world.

**Of World-Wide Interest.**

While the army and navy receptions are brilliant for gathering under the White House roof much of the brain and brawn of our fighting forces, while those given to the Supreme Court collect the greatest judicial minds of the land, and while those given to the members of Congress afford the opportunity of becoming acquainted with the nation's lawmakers, this one, the diplomatic reception, is international and of a world-wide kind. There will be gathered in the state White House the representatives from Argentina, Austria-Hungary, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Chili, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Persia, Peru, Portugal, Russia, Salvador, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Uruguay and Venezuela.

In truth, President Wilson's official guests will be gathered from the four quarters of the globe. Minister Chang Yin Tang, from far-off China, will rub shoulders with Ambassador Jusserand, the ambassador of Germany and Sir Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice, from John Bull's country, will mingle in social intercourse with Viscount Sutherland, ambassador extraordinary and envoy plenipotentiary of sunny Japan, and Ambassador Bakhmeteff, master of the Imperial Court of Russia, will mix with Yussouf Zia Pacha, the official representative of Turkey in the United States. Thus it will go, and no one of the four corners of the big world will fail to send to the White House its best representative.

### IMPORTATION OF FOODSTUFFS

Shows Result of First Full Month of Tariff Law.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Washington, January 10.—Numerous importations of foodstuffs into the United States during November, 1913, are noted in figures issued yesterday by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. This is the first full month of operation for the Underwood-Simmons tariff law, and the figures are regarded as significant of future imports. Importations of fresh beef, which amounted to approximately 568,000 pounds in October, were practically double the quantity in November, the figures for November being 1,055,516 pounds, valued at \$23,118. Head pork imported during November totaled 119,000 pounds and of mutton, 23,000 pounds.

Cattle importations in November, also show a very large increase over those of the corresponding month of 1912, having been 123,118 head, valued at \$3,306,732, against 43,755 head valued at \$829,385 in November, 1912.

The importations of wheat during the month of November were 127,000 bushels, against 2,200 bushels in November, 1912, and of flour 10,824 barrels, against 6,190 barrels in the same month of 1912.

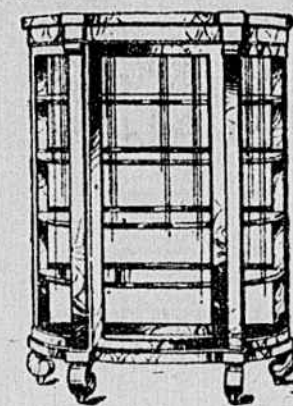
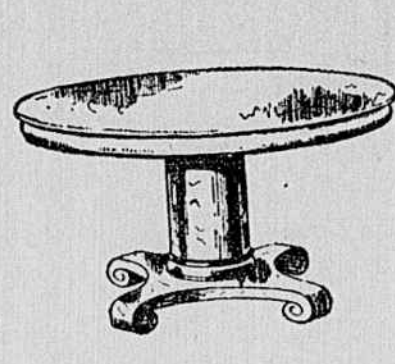
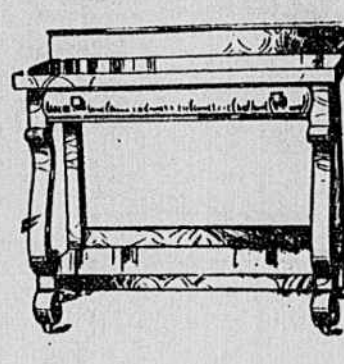
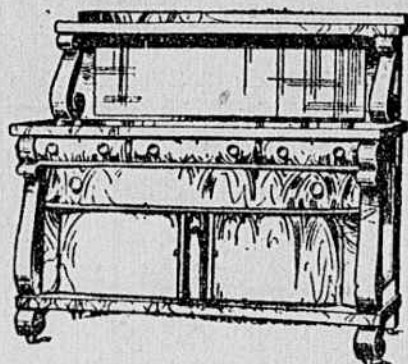
Importations of oats in November were 5,122,308 bushels against 4,265 bushels in November of the preceding year. The importations of potatoes, during November were 764,363 bushels, against 10,665 bushels in November, 1912.

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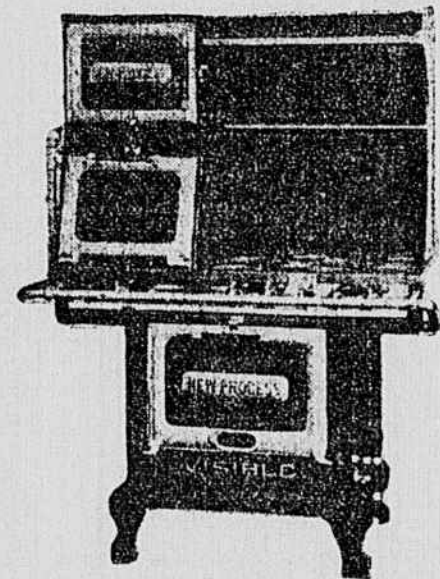
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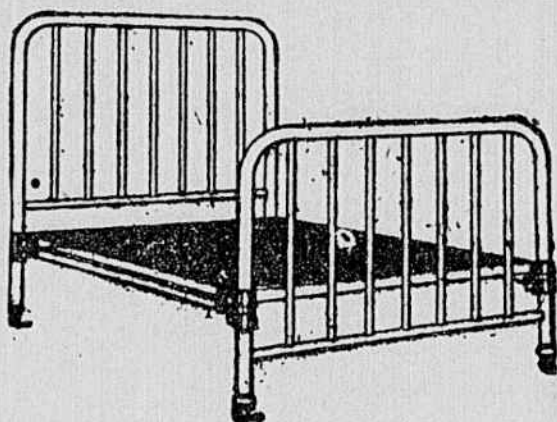
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## News of Petersburg

The Times-Dispatch Bureau, 5 Bollingbrook Street, (Phone 1485), Petersburg, Va., January 10.

Under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce two public meetings will be held in the Academy of Music in this city on Saturday, January 24, in the interest of the development of the county adjacent to Petersburg. Local farmers from the surrounding counties come to the city, and it is expected that they will attend the meetings. Addresses will be delivered by W. H. Mans, vice-president and general manager of the Southern Settlement and Development Organization; C. S. Ucker, director of Colonization, and C. C. Hopkins, director of Agriculture. They will speak from different points. It is expected that steps will be taken to effect a local organization to work for the development of this section.

**Richmond Indorsed for Bank.**  
The board of governors of the Petersburg bank has adopted resolutions endorsing the movement to secure for Richmond one of the Federal reserve

banks, believing that its geographical position, its commercial importance, its banking capital and its railroad with South Atlantic points make it the logical location for a reserve bank for this territory. The resolutions have been sent to Senators Martin and Swanson, and Representative Watson, with the request that they do what they can to assist in the movement. It is probable that some further official action will be taken to aid in securing the bank for Richmond.

### Acquittal of Arson Charge.

The examination of the case of P. H. Guley, grocery merchant, on Washington Street, arrested on a warrant charging him with arson in setting fire to his store on the night of December 15, was held in the Police Court to-day, with Wilcox & Wilcox appearing for the defendant, and Commonwealth's Attorney R. H. Mann representing the State. The examination consumed several hours, during which time the courtroom was filled with interested spectators.

The evidence was wholly circumstantial, and while apparently showing that arson had been committed, it developed nothing to connect the defendant with the crime. He was therefore acquitted of the charge and was discharged. It was in evidence that Guley went home at 9 o'clock and remained there. The fire was discovered shortly after midnight, and did but little damage. Mrs. Guley was in court during the examination, as were two of her brothers from Statesville, N. C. The case aroused much interest in the community.

### Woman Charged With Murder.

Virgie Ford, colored, eighteen years old, was arrested this afternoon on the charge of killing William Wood, colored. The girl was working in a tobacco factory, and Wood had been waiting on her for some time, and the two, it is said, had some trouble. The girl's statement is that at noon to-day, when she got out of the factory, she met Wood at the Centre Market, and he asked her to take some meat to Ollie Graves's, on Weber's Alley. The Graves woman had been sick for some time, and Virgie had nursed and cooked for her. As she was going to the house she saw Wood, drunk in the alley. He followed her in the Graves's house, demanded to know why she was so long coming. They quarreled, and were separated and put in different rooms. Later Wood called for her and she went to his room. He had a knife in his hand, and they got into a scuffle. In her struggles, she said, she grabbed Wood's arm, and in pulling it down, cut him across the palm of his hand.

She ran to the drugist, got something for the wound, and on returning found Wood dead from a stab in the neck, near the carotid. Death had resulted from hemorrhage from a severed artery. Virgie Ford denied that she had stabbed Wood, but she will be

held until the coroner's inquest to-morrow afternoon. She declares the fatal stab wound must have been accidentally inflicted while the two were scuffling.

### Re-Dedication Services.

The large and handsome new Sunday school building of the Wave Baptist Church will be dedicated to-morrow, and the address will be delivered by the Rev. J. T. Watts, State Sunday school secretary. At 11 o'clock the Rev. R. H. Pitt, D. D., of Richmond, will preach. The new building has been well furnished and has twenty large classrooms.

### Death in Chesterfield.

Frederick E. Baker, a well known young citizen of Chesterfield, died yesterday afternoon at his home in that county, of blood poison, resulting from an abscess in the jaw. He was ill only a short time. He was thirty-six years old, and is survived by his wife, one child and a number of relatives.

### To Erect Markers.

The A. P. Hill Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans, last night decided to erect markers at three notable historic spots near this city, and fixed April 2 as the day for the placing of the three. The spots are Fort Gregg, Fort Lee and Lee's Dam. Fort Gregg was the scene of one of the bloodiest and most desperate battles of the last days of the siege of Petersburg.

### General News Notes.

Charles H. Bartlett, a former citizen of Richmond, died at his home in Montgomery, Ala., on Thursday, aged forty-two years.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Petersburg Fair Association was held last night. Reports of the officers were read, and the old board of directors elected.

The Board of Supervisors of Prince George County, at its recent meeting, adopted a resolution asking the Legislature for the county's portion of the good roads fund. The county is to push the work on its roads this year.

The committee on arrangement for the Sunday school mass-meeting, to be held in this city on Sunday, February 8, met last night, and reported progress. The meeting is to be held under the auspices of the State Sunday School Association, and will be addressed by experts in Sunday school work.

The Second Baptist Church, which has been remodeled and enlarged, will be opened for regular services on Sunday, January 18.

The Rev. W. V. Suisenberry, D. D., of Louisville, Ky., will preach in the First Baptist Church to-morrow.

The Predigal Judge Company, which was scheduled to play here next Tuesday, has canceled its engagement.

**Save the Birds.**  
The Fredericksburg Free Lance says: "The Virginia Audubon Society and sportsmen and land owners all over Virginia are conducting an energetic and telling campaign for the passage by the assembly of the comprehensive game bill prepared for the society by Captain Jennings C. Wise, of the Virginia Military Institute. The newspapers are also doing their part in the campaign for protection of our game supply. We earnestly urge every representative in Senate and House from this section to support the bill in question."

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